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HIGHER EDUCATION GROWTH SHOWN BY FOURTH COLLEGE

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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SHAW COLLEGE WAS NOT ONLY SYMBOLIC OF THE EXPANSION AND GROWTH OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, IT WAS ALSO A TANGIBLE DEMONSTRATION OF THE RAPID PACE OF DEVELOPMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HONG KONG, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE COLLEGE, SIR DAVID SAID THAT TEN YEARS AGO, THERE WERE ONLY TWO TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS PROVIDING 2 100 FIRST YEAR DEGREE PLACES.

TODAY, THERE WERE FIVE INSTITUTIONS PROVIDING 4 200 PLACES. IT WAS EXPECTED THAT THE FIGURE WOULD BE DOUBLED TO 8 300 AND PERHAPS MORE IN 10 YEARS' TIME.

+IN HONG KONG, PEOPLE ARE VALUABLE ASSETS,+ SIR DAVID SAID. +FOR THIS REASON, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS GIVEN PRIORITY TO EDUCATION WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR THE LARGEST SINGLE SHARE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET.+

HE SAID THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO INCREASE THE SLICE OF THE CAKE WITHOUT ADVERSELY AFFECTING OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS OF EXPENDITURE.

HE SAID THAT DONATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO IMPROVE HONG KONG'S EDUCATION SERVICES WERE THEREFORE WELCOME.

SIR DAVID COMMENDED SIR RUN RUN'S GENEROUS DONATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SHAW COLLEGE.

HE SAID THAT IN THE PAST 24 YEARS, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY HAD BUILT UP AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION AND BELIEVED THAT ITS REPUTATION WOULD BE ENHANCED BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOURTH COLLEGE.

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EXTERNAL TRADE STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER RELEASED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED TRADE VALUE STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER 1986. COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 1985, TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN NOVEMBER 1986, VALUED AT \$53 191 MILLION, GREW BY 31 PER CENT. DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 30 PER CENT TO \$14 870 MILLION WHILE RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 41 PER CENT TO \$12 275 MILLION, THUS BRINGING TOTAL EXPORTS TO \$27 145 MILLION, 35 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN NOVEMBER 1985. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 28 PER CENT TO \$26 046 MILLION.

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST MAJOR MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1985 AND NOVEMBER 1986. THE GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN (83 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (68 PER CENT), CHINA (57 PER CENT), SINGAPORE (43 PER CENT) AND FRANCE (39 PER CENT) WAS PARTICULARLY STRONG. ON THE OTHER HAND, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CANADA RECORDED A DECLINE (-3 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, HONG KONG RECORDED INCREASES IN IMPORTS FROM ALL MAJOR SUPPLIERS, ESPECIALLY FROM SINGAPORE (55 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (54 PER CENT), SWITZERLAND (42 PER CENT), CHINA (35 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (35 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE U.S., THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND TAIWAN INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY BY 70 PER CENT, 70 PER CENT, 64 PER CENT, 55 PER CENT AND 51 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

TOTAL MERCHANDISE TRADE IN JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1986, VALUED AT \$497 022 MILLION, INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985. ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 18 PER CENT TO \$138 615 MILLION WHILE RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT TO \$109 919 MILLION SO THAT, FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, THE TRADE VALUE INCREASED BY 16 PER CENT. IMPORTS INCREASED BY 19 PER CENT TO \$248 487 MILLION.

COMPARING JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO MOST PRINCIPAL MARKETS INCREASED IN VALUE TERMS. THE MARKETS WITH RAPID GROWTH IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCLUDED FRANCE (46 PER CENT), THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (40 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (35 PER CENT), JAPAN (34 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (25 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO HONG KONG'S TWO LARGEST MARKETS, THE U.S. AND CHINA, HOWEVER, GREW LESS RAPIDLY, BY 11 PER CENT AND 15 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA DECREASED BY 1 PER CENT.

IMPORTS FROM MAJOR SUPPLIERS GENERALLY INCREASED BETWEEN JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1985 AND JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1986, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM SWITZERLAND (55 PER CENT), CHINA (39 PER CENT), THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (28 PER CENT), ITALY (25 PER CENT) AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (21 PER CENT). A DECREASED WAS, HOWEVER, RECORDED IN IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE (-2 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE U.S., THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND TAIWAN INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY 100 PER CENT, 77 PER CENT, 52 PER CENT, 52 PER CENT AND 35 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY. ON THE OTHER HAND, RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA RECORDED A DECLINE (-14 PER CENT).

ALL TRADE STATISTICS PRESENTED HERE ARE MEASURED AT CURRENT PRICES AND NO ACCOUNT HAS BEEN TAKEN OF THE CHANGES IN PRICES BETWEEN THE PERIODS OF COMPARISON. A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THE PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE FOR JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1986 WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY FEBRUARY, 1987.

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

COMPARING JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985, THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE U.S. INCREASED BY 11 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$1 807 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT); CLOTHING (BY \$1 786 MILLION OR 8 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$1 019 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$103 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$47 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO CHINA INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT IN VALUE. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES (BY \$1 334 MILLION OR 71 PER CENT); MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$540 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT); AS WELL AS CLOTHING (BY \$250 MILLION OR 57 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$851 MILLION OR 81 PER CENT); AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES, AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$64 MILLION OR 7 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY INCREASED BY 40 PER CENT IN VALUE. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN CLOTHING (BY \$1 633 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT); AND OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$403 MILLION OR 144 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$108 MILLION OR 82 PER CENT).

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE UP BY 18 PER CENT, WITH INCREASES IN CLOTHING (BY \$1 012 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS AND ACCESSORIES THEREOF (BY \$199 MILLION OR 19 PER CENT).

/DOMESTIC EXPORTS

DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO JAPAN INCREASED BY 34 PER CENT, WITH GROWTH IN CLOTHING (BY \$565 MILLION OR 36 PER CENT); AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY JEWELLERY, GOLDSMITHS' AND SILVERSMITHS' WARES AND OTHER ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS OR SEMI-PRECIOUS MATERIALS (BY \$282 MILLION OR 44 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (BY \$240 MILLION OR 80 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION ARE PRESENTED IN TABLE 2.

THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS FROM THE TEN MAJOR SUPPLIERS ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 3.

IMPORTS FROM CHINA INCREASED BY 39 PER CENT IN VALUE IN JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1986 AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING (BY \$5 511 MILLION OR 59 PER CENT), TEXTILES (BY \$4 807 MILLION OR 43 PER CENT) AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$2 042 MILLION OR 55 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILES FIBRES (OTHER THAN WOOL TOPS) AND THEIR WASTES (BY \$498 MILLION OR 26 PER CENT); AS WELL AS PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$482 MILLION OR 27 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM JAPAN INCREASED BY 4 PER CENT. INCREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 342 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT); PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$787 MILLION OR 14 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TEXTILES (BY \$777 MILLION OR 13 PER CENT).

ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR ROAD VEHICLES, INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$1 761 MILLION OR 47 PER CENT); AS WELL AS OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$524 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT).

/THE VALUE

THE VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM TAIWAN WAS UP BY 12 PER CENT. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$1 557 MILLION OR 24 PER CENT); AND ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$257 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$207 MILLION OR 31 PER CENT).

IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. WAS UP BY 6 PER CENT WITH INCREASES IN TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$718 MILLION OR 88 PER CENT); AS WELL AS ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, CELLULOSE ESTERS AND ETHERS (BY \$394 MILLION OR 54 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS RECORDED IN OFFICE MACHINES AND AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT (BY \$378 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT).

IMPORTS FROM SINGAPORE DROPPED BY 2 PER CENT, WITH DECREASES IN PETROLEUM, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND RELATED MATERIALS (BY \$1 002 MILLION OR 20 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$138 MILLION OR 22 PER CENT).

TABLE 4 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN IMPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS TO THE TEN MAJOR MARKETS ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 5.

COMPARING JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 1986 WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1985, THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO CHINA DECREASED BY 14 PER CENT. ANALYSED BY COMMODITY, DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND SOUND RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT (BY \$2 218 MILLION OR 48 PER CENT); ROAD VEHICLES, INCLUDING AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (BY \$1 944 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT); AS WELL AS ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$1 647 MILLION OR 42 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN TEXTILES (BY \$1 406 MILLION OR 16 PER CENT); AND LEATHER, LEATHER MANUFACTURES AND DRESSED FURSKINS (BY \$488 MILLION OR 124 PER CENT).

ON THE SAME BASIS OF COMPARISON, RE-EXPORTS TO THE U.S. INCREASED BY 52 PER CENT IN VALUE. COMMODITIES WITH INCREASES INCLUDED CLOTHING (BY \$3 624 MILLION OR 105 PER CENT) MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES, INCLUDING MAINLY BABY CARRIAGES, TOYS, GAMES AND SPORTING GOODS (BY \$1 549 MILLION OR 49 PER CENT); AS WELL AS TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR CONTAINERS (BY \$318 MILLION OR 29 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, DECREASES WERE REGISTERED FOR MEDICINAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS (BY \$59 MILLION OR 68 PER CENT); AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES AND OPTICAL GOODS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS (BY \$51 MILLION OR 11 PER CENT).

THE VALUE OF RE-EXPORTS TO JAPAN WAS UP BY 21 PER CENT. INCREASES WERE RECORDED IN FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS, AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF (BY \$395 MILLION OR 78 PER CENT) AS WELL AS IN NON-METALLIC MINERAL MANUFACTURES (BY \$223 MILLION OR 51 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$328 MILLION OR 76 PER CENT).

RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN ROSE BY 35 PER CENT, WITH INCREASES IN ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$793 MILLION OR 75 PER CENT), AS WELL AS DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS (BY \$103 MILLION OR 53 PER CENT). THE INCREASE TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAS 52 PER CENT, WITH GROWTH IN TEXTILES (BY \$567 MILLION OR 64 PER CENT); AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES AND ELECTRICAL PARTS THEREOF (BY \$453 MILLION OR 96 PER CENT). HOWEVER, A DECREASE WAS REGISTERED FOR RE-EXPORTS TO TAIWAN OF NON-FERROUS METALS (BY \$104 MILLION OR 30 PER CENT).

TABLE 6 ILLUSTRATES THE CHANGES IN RE-EXPORTS BY MAJOR COMMODITY DIVISION.

THE NOVEMBER 1986 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS - SUMMARY+ WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AROUND JANUARY 20 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$5 PER COPY. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, +HONG KONG EXTERNAL TRADE+, WITH A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS, EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN NOVEMBER 1986 WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY FEBRUARY 1987 AT \$13.5 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES REGARDING REGULAR SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THESE REPORTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT BASKERVILLE HOUSE, HONG KONG, ON 5-214375 AND ENQUIRIES ON TRADE STATISTICS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON 5-444436.

Table 1: Domestic exports by ten major markets

Major Market	Jan-Nov 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Nov '86 over Jan-Nov '85 (%)	November 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Nov '86 over Nov '85 (%)
U.S.A.	58,390	11	5,907	16
China	16,019	15	1,884	57
F.R. of Germany	9,660	40	1,036	36
U.K.	8,875	18	902	22
Japan	5,550	34	726	83
Canada	4,408	12	353	-3
Australia	3,049	-1	332	14
Singapore	2,560	25	293	43
Netherlands	2,444	35	300	68
France	2,353	46	265	39

Table 2: Domestic exports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-Nov 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Nov '86 over Jan-Nov '85 (%)	November 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Nov '86 over Nov '85 (%)
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	46,310	16	4,667	19
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	23,264	23	2,332	38
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	11,936	22	1,418	22
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	10,450	27	1,284	67
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	10,144	10	1,104	25
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	9,779	40	1,242	66

/Table 3:

Table 3: Imports from ten major suppliers

Major Supplier	Jan-Nov 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Nov '86 over Jan-Nov '85 (%)	November 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Nov '86 over Nov '85 (%)
China	72,887	39	8,025	35
Japan	50,761	4	4,846	13
Taiwan	21,385	12	2,392	34
U.S.A.	21,263	6	2,009	7
Singapore	9,936	-2	1,149	55
Republic of Korea	9,731	28	1,018	54
U.K.	8,495	12	903	16
F.R. of Germany	7,333	21	788	35
Switzerland	5,025	55	561	42
Italy	4,035	25	423	34

Table 4: Imports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-Nov 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Nov '86 over Jan-Nov '85 (%)	November 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Nov '86 over Nov '85 (%)
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	38,162	28	4,057	21
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	21,159	20	2,209	48
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	17,730	52	1,840	37
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	14,878	24	1,526	11
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	13,229	32	1,378	30
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	12,323	11	1,349	51

/Table 5:

Table 5: Re-exports by ten major markets

Major Market	Jan-Nov 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Nov '86 over Jan-Nov '85 (%)	November 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Nov '86 over Nov '85 (%)
China	36,236	-14	4,115	25
U.S.A.	20,194	52	2,229	64
Japan	6,003	21	842	70
Taiwan	5,377	35	576	51
Republic of Korea	5,271	52	593	41
Singapore	4,794	22	449	17
F.R. of Germany	2,369	77	259	55
Macau	2,347	-*	222	26
Indonesia	2,219	5	196	22
U.K.	2,195	100	234	70

* less than 0.5%

Table 6: Re-exports by major commodity division

Commodity division	Jan-Nov 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Jan-Nov '86 over Jan-Nov '85 (%)	November 1986 (HKD Mn.)	Nov '86 over Nov '85 (%)
Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	17,967	25	2,134	41
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	12,126	76	1,299	80
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly baby carriages, toys, games and sporting goods)	9,327	41	1,041	71
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	8,596	3	934	43
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	5,888	-10	731	64
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	5,147	1	548	14

SEPTEMBER EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES, PAYROLL STATISTICS OUT
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THERE WERE 869 800 PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN SEPTEMBER 1986, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 2.5 PER CENT IN COMPARISON WITH SEPTEMBER 1985, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, AT 614 900 IN SEPTEMBER 1986, WAS 4.3 PER CENT HIGHER THAN IN SEPTEMBER 1985.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AT 191 100, WAS UP BY 6.6 PER CENT.

EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES INCREASED BY 7.0 PER CENT COMPARED WITH SEPTEMBER 1985.

A DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE STATISTICS FOR SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN SEPTEMBER 1986 WERE DERIVED FROM THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THESE SECTORS COVER THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. THERE IS A SEPARATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY COVERING BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE OVERALL EMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1986 IN THESE SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS BY COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1985 AND JUNE 1986, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	PERSONS ENGAGED (EMPLOYMENT) IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE*	
	SEPT 85	JUN. 86	SEPT 86	SEPT 86 ON SEPT 85	SEPT 86 ON JUN. 86
MANUFACTURING	848 900	886 100	869 800	+2.5	-1.8
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	64 400	64 000	69 000	+7.0	+7.7

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	589 700	610 800	614 900	+4.3	+0.7
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	179 200	189 300	191 100	+6.6	+0.9

* BASED ON UNROUNDED EMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

COMPARING SEPTEMBER 1986 WITH JUNE 1986, EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR DECREASED BY 1.8 PER CENT. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, EMPLOYMENT ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES; IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND IN THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR INCREASED BY 7.7 PER CENT, 0.7 PER CENT, AND 0.9 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE SURVEY ALSO PROVIDES VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THESE SELECTED MAJOR SECTOR, OTHER THAN FOR BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION. THE OVERALL FIGURES BY SELECTED MAJOR ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR SEPTEMBER 1985 AND JUNE 1986, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN			PERCENTAGE CHANGE*	
	SEPT 85	JUN. 86	SEPT 86	SEPT 86 ON SEPT 85	SEPT 86 ON JUN. 86
MANUFACTURING	20 120	22 840	32 090	+59.5	+40.5
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	5 680	7 070	8 530	+50.1	+20.6
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	2 580	2 550	2 930	+13.6	+14.8

* BASED ON UNROUNDED VACANCY FIGURES.

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RELATIVE TO SEPTEMBER 1985, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR INCREASED BY 59.5 PER CENT, 50.1 PER CENT AND 13.6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1986, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES INCREASED BY 40.5 PER CENT, 20.6 PER CENT AND 14.8 PER CENT FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE SURVEY ARE STATISTICS ON MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. QUARTERLY TOTALS FOR EACH OF THESE SECTORS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	TOTAL QUARTERLY PAYROLL IN		% CHANGE*
	3RD QTR. 1985	3RD QTR. 1986	3RD QTR. 1986 ON 3RD QTR. 1985
	HK\$ MN	HK\$ MN	
MANUFACTURING	7 091	8 080	+14.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	5 184	5 913	+14.1
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	2 547	3 026	+18.8

* BASED ON UNROUNDED PAYROLL FIGURES.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME QUARTER A YEAR AGO, PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN THE ABOVE THREE SECTORS INCREASED BY 14.0 PER CENT, 14.1 PER CENT AND 18.8 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1986.

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AFTER ADJUSTMENT FOR VARIATIONS IN TOTAL MONTHLY PAYROLL OUTLAYS IN SEPTEMBER 1985 AND SEPTEMBER 1986, ARISING FROM CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT, A NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IS OBTAINED. TO ALLOW FOR THE EFFECTS OF PRICE CHANGES, THE NOMINAL INDEX IS DEFLATED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) TO GIVE THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED. THESE TWO INDICES FOR SEPTEMBER 1985 AND SEPTEMBER 1986 ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLES BELOW:

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	SEPT 85	SEPT 86	SEPT 86 ON SEPT 85
MANUFACTURING	192.0	215.9	+12.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	194.1	212.0	+ 9.2
FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	183.7	207.5	+12.9

SELECTED MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY	REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED (JUNE 1980 = 100)		% CHANGE
	SEPT 85	SEPT 86	SEPT 86 ON SEPT 85
MANUFACTURING	119.4	131.8	+10.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	120.7	129.4	+ 7.2

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FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	114.2	126.7	+10.9
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BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1985 AND SEPTEMBER 1986, INCREASES OF 12.4 PER CENT, 9.2 PER CENT AND 12.9 PER CENT WERE REGISTERED IN THE NOMINAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR; THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADE AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR; AND THE FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, RESPECTIVELY. OVER THE SAME PERIOD, THE CORRESPONDING INCREASES IN THE REAL INDEX OF PAYROLL PER PERSON ENGAGED WERE 10.4 PER CENT, 7.2 PER CENT AND 10.9 PER CENT.

DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF THE ABOVE STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL STATISTICS, SEPTEMBER 1986, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$11 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG, AND AT THE SALE COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT ROOM 1904, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 317 DEX VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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COMPANY REGISTRATIONS REACH 161 986

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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE IN 1986 INCREASED BY 10 PER CENT TO 161 986, COMPARED WITH 147 636 IN 1985, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON.

THE NUMBER OF NEW COMPANIES REGISTERED DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR DECREASED BY 9 PER CENT, FROM 18 465 IN 1985 TO 16 743.

MR GLEESON REPORTED INCREASES OF ACTIVITY IN MOST AREAS AND DECREASES IN OTHERS IN THE COMMERCIAL DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OVERSEAS COMPANIES WHICH HAD ESTABLISHED A PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG AT THE END OF THE YEAR INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT FROM 2 092 TO 2 238.

THE NUMBER OF OVERSEAS COMPANIES ESTABLISHING A PLACE OF BUSINESS IN HONG KONG WAS 288, AN INCREASE OF 25 PER CENT OVER THE NUMBER OF SUCH COMPANIES IN 1985.

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MR GLEESON SAID THAT NO SEPARATE STATISTICS WERE MAINTAINED ON HOW MANY OVERSEAS COMPANIES INCORPORATED LOCAL SUBSIDIARIES OR TOOK UP A MAJORITY SHAREHOLDING IN A HONG KONG COMPANY.

IN 1986, EXISTING COMPANIES INCREASED THEIR NOMINAL CAPITAL BY \$17 079 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 19 PER CENT OVER THE INCREASE OF \$14 412 MILLION IN 1985. THE NOMINAL CAPITAL OF NEW COMPANIES INCORPORATED DURING THE YEAR DECREASED BY 8 PER CENT FROM \$3 664 MILLION TO \$3 356 MILLION.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED BY CHARGES REGISTERED ON THE ASSETS OF COMPANIES INCREASED BY 86 PER CENT FROM \$30 455 MILLION TO \$56 786 MILLION. THE AMOUNT REPAID ON CHARGES, AS EVIDENCED BY CERTIFICATES OF SATISFACTION, INCREASED BY 88 PER CENT FROM \$6 123 MILLION TO \$11 492 MILLION.

DURING THE YEAR, A TOTAL OF 106 PROSPECTUSES OF PUBLIC COMPANIES, INCLUDING 55 IN RESPECT OF MUTUAL FUNDS, WERE APPROVED AS AGAINST 117 PROSPECTUSES, INCLUDING 69 IN RESPECT OF MUTUAL FUNDS, DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPANY DOCUMENTS FILED FOR PUBLIC RECORD UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE DURING THE YEAR INCREASED BY 3 PER CENT FROM 462 418 TO 477 912.

THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR RESERVATION OF COMPANY NAMES DURING 1986 WAS 137 515 WHICH REPRESENTED AN 8 PER CENT DECREASE FROM 150 093 IN 1985.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SUMMONSES ISSUED BY THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES AGAINST COMPANIES AND THEIR DIRECTORS FOR BREACHES OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, MAINLY FOR FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL RETURNS WITH ACCOUNTS, IN 1986 WAS 366, COMPARED WITH 532 DURING 1985.

OF THESE, 124 WERE WITHDRAWN FOR REASONS SUCH AS NON-SERVICE, 233 RESULTED IN CONVICTIONS COMPARED WITH 338 IN 1985 AND 208 REMAINED TO BE HEARD BY THE COURT.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINES IMPOSED FOR CONVICTIONS IN 1986 WAS \$477 923, COMPARED WITH \$553 767 IN 1985.

AS A RESULT OF THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW TYPE OF PART B REGISTRATION UNDER THE TRADE MARKS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1985 ON SEPTEMBER 1, THE TRADE MARKS REGISTRY RECORDED A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED - 7 686 COMPARED WITH 6 966 THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

AT 3 120, THE NUMBER OF NEW TRADE MARKS REGISTERED WAS HIGHER THAN IN 1985, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TRADE MARKS REGISTERED TO 46 453.

IN THE PATENTS REGISTRY, THE NUMBER OF UNITED KINGDOM PATENTS RE-REGISTERED LOCALLY DURING 1986 WAS 1 010, COMPARED WITH 1 030 IN 1985.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF +LIVE+ PATENTS RE-REGISTERED WAS APPROXIMATELY 12 000.

MR GLEESON SAID IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO GIVE A PRECISE FIGURE AS THIS DEPENDED ON THE LIVES OF THE PATENTS AS ORIGINALLY REGISTERED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM PATENTS OFFICE IN LONDON.

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EPCOM EDUCATION WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEWED
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT A MEETING TODAY (MONDAY) REVIEWED THE PROGRESS MADE SO FAR TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EPCOM ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WORKING GROUP WHICH WERE ENDORSED BY EPCOM IN NOVEMBER 1985.

THE COMMITTEE NOTED THAT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER BROADENING THE SENIOR SECONDARY CURRICULUM BY INCORPORATING ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES INTO THE GENERAL STUDIES PROGRAMME. HEADS OF SCHOOLS WILL BE CONSULTED SOON.

IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF SUITABLE LOCATIONS FOR SETTING UP ADDITIONAL FIELD STUDIES CENTRES. THE FIRST OF THESE CENTRES WILL BE ESTABLISHED IN 1989-1990.

AS RECOMMENDED BY THE WORKING GROUP, THE CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WILL OFFER COURSES IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES IN SEPTEMBER 1987 WHICH WILL TRAIN STUDENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WORK TO MEET THE NEEDS OF INDUSTRY AND THE COMMUNITY.

EPCOM ALSO LEARNED THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC HAVE SUBMITTED PROPOSALS TO THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE (UPGC) FOR INTRODUCING DEGREE AND HIGHER DIPLOMA COURSES ON ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES DURING THE 1988-91 TRIENNIUM.

ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF EPCOM, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL WILL ORGANISE A NUMBER OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES DEVELOPED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE IN GENEVA FOR SENIOR STAFF IN INDUSTRY IN 1987. THE FIRST OF THESE SEMINARS WILL FORM PART OF THE PROGRAMME FOR COMMEMORATING THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1987.

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AT TODAY'S MEETING, EPCOM ALSO ENDORSED A SCHEME FOR THE CONTROL OF SMOKE EMISSIONS FROM MOTOR VEHICLES.

UNDER THE SCHEME VEHICLES COULD BE CALLED IN FOR TESTING ON THE BASIS OF REPORTS BY THE POLICE, +ACCREDITED PERSONS+ AND AUTHORISED EPD STAFF.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT ACCREDITED PERSONS WOULD PRIMARILY BE PERSONS OF GOOD STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY.

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HALF-WAY HOUSES FOR EX-ADDICTS TO BE SUBVENTED
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS ENDORSED IN PRINCIPLE THAT THE PROVISION OF HALF-WAY HOUSES AND HOSTELS FOR EX-DRUG ADDICTS SHOULD BE SUBVENTED.

AT ITS MEETING TODAY (MONDAY), THE COMMITTEE REACHED THIS DECISION AS IT WOULD BE IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF ERADICATING THE DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM AND THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME OF HALF-WAY HOUSES AND HOSTELS HAD CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TOWARDS THIS OBJECTIVE.

AS FOR FUNDING, THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT THIS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH AT A FUTURE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PRIORITY FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR VARIOUS SERVICE AREAS.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO DISCUSSED THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION'S +REPORT ON YOUNG PERSONS - EFFECTS OF AGE IN CIVIL LAW+ AT TODAY'S MEETING.

MEMBERS ACCEPTED MOST OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS BUT SOME MEMBERS EXPRESSED DISAGREEMENT WITH THE PROPOSAL TO LOWER THE AGE OF MARRIAGE WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT FROM 21 TO 18.

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THE AVAILABILITY OF A RANGE OF TREATMENT PROGRAMMES, LINKED WITH AFTER-CARE SERVICES AND EXTENSIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, SHOULD PROMOTE FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE REDUCTION OF DRUG ABUSE IN HONG KONG, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD (INCB) PUBLISHED IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA, TODAY (MONDAY).

THE INCB, A SPECIAL AGENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGED THE SIGNIFICANT ROLE PLAYED BY NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG IN COMBATING DRUG ABUSE.

THE REPORT SAID THAT HONG KONG REMAINED A TRANS-SHIPMENT POINT FOR TRAFFICKING BUT NOTED THAT INTENSIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS BEING APPLIED AND LARGE SEIZURES OF HEROIN HAD BEEN MADE RESULTING IN LOCAL PRICE TO RISE.

+HEROIN ABUSE APPEARS TO HAVE STABILISED,+ THE REPORT SAID, +WHILE THE ABUSE OF CANNABIS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, MAINLY METHAQUALONE, MAY BE ON THE INCREASE BUT IS NOT ESTIMATED TO BE CURRENTLY SIGNIFICANT.+

+HOWEVER, DRUG WHOLESALERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT QUARTERLY RETURNS OF ALL LEGITIMATE IMPORTS OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES,+ IT SAID.

THE INCB ALSO RECORDED THAT OPIATE DRUGS CONTINUED TO BE SMUGGLED BY TRAWLERS INTO HONG KONG FROM THAILAND AND THAT BULK QUANTITIES OF CANNABIS WERE SMUGGLED FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR ARTICULATED VEHICLE INSTRUCTORS' LICENCE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR A NEW KIND OF DRIVING INSTRUCTORS' LICENCE -- THAT FOR ARTICULATED VEHICLES -- FROM WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 14).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (MONDAY), A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE MOVE TO LICENSE DRIVING INSTRUCTORS FOR ARTICULATED VEHICLES WOULD TIE IN WITH THE EXPIRY OF THE THREE-YEAR TRANSITIONAL PERIOD STIPULATED IN THE ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCES) REGULATIONS.

DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, HOLDERS OF THE +ALL GOODS VEHICLES+ DRIVING LICENCE ISSUED BEFORE AUGUST 25, 1984 HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO DRIVE ARTICULATED VEHICLES.

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+WHEN THE GRACE PERIOD EXPIRES ON AUGUST 24 THIS YEAR, THE ABOVE-MENTIONED +ALL GOODS VEHICLES+ DRIVERS WHO HAVE NOT YET PASSED OR BEEN EXEMPTED FROM THE ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING TEST WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO DRIVE ARTICULATED VEHICLES.

THEREFORE, THOSE WHO LEARN TO DRIVE ARTICULATED VEHICLES, LIKE PRIVATE CAR LEARNER DRIVERS, WILL HAVE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY LICENSED DRIVING INSTRUCTORS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

DRIVING INSTRUCTORS' LICENCES HAVE SO FAR BEEN ISSUED ONLY FOR FOUR CLASSES OF VEHICLES: PRIVATE CARS, PUBLIC BUS AND MEDIUM AND HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES.

TO QUALIFY FOR THE ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING INSTRUCTORS' LICENCE, AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE HELD A DRIVING LICENCE FOR ALL KINDS OF GOODS VEHICLES FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE APPLICATION.

THE APPLICANT MUST ALSO HAVE GOOD DRIVING SKILL, BE FULLY CONVERSANT WITH THE ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION AND DRIVING INSTRUCTION RULES AND BE ABLE TO GIVE CORRECT AND ADEQUATE DRIVING INSTRUCTION.

+IN ADDITION, HE MUST NOT HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY SERIOUS TRAFFIC OFFENCES, NAMELY, RECKLESS DRIVING CAUSING DEATH AND DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRINK OR DRUG DURING THE FIVE YEARS PRECEDING HIS APPLICATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE SHA TIN DRIVING TEST OFFICE AT FIFTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, FROM JANUARY 14. ALL COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SAME OFFICE BEFORE 4 PM ON FEBRUARY 13.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED FIRST TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW AT THE END OF FEBRUARY. THOSE WHO PASS THE INTERVIEW WILL THEN HAVE TO SIT FOR A WRITTEN TEST FOLLOWED BY A ROAD TEST. THE FEE FOR ATTENDING THE TWO TESTS IS \$350.

+TO ENSURE THAT THERE WILL BE AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF EXPERIENCED DRIVING INSTRUCTORS TO TRAIN LEARNER ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVERS BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF THE GRACE PERIOD, THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER GRANTING EARLY TESTS TO APPLICANTS WHO ALREADY HOLD A FULL (I.E. CODE 20) ARTICULATED VEHICLE DRIVING LICENCE, WHO CAN PROVE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN DRIVING ARTICULATED VEHICLES DURING THE THREE YEARS PRECEDING THEIR APPLICATION AND AT THE SAME TIME HAVE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS' EXPERIENCE IN TRAINING ARTICULATED VEHICLE LEARNER DRIVERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE SHA TIN DRIVING TEST OFFICE ON 0-6061676.

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CBF LOOKS AT FIRE SERVICES OPERATIONS

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THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL T.A. BOAM, TODAY (MONDAY) VISITED THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH ITS OPERATION.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES, MR BOAM BOARDED THE FIRE BOAT ALEXANDER GRANTHAM AT THE HMS TAMAR FOR THE TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION.

HE WAS SHOWN FIRE-FIGHTING DEMONSTRATIONS AND A DISPLAY OF RESCUE EQUIPMENT BEFORE TOURING THE ADJACENT FIRE SERVICES WORKSHOP AND COMMUNICATION CENTRE.

MR BOAM TOOK GREAT INTEREST IN THE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR MOBILISING EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND WAS TOLD THAT A NEW COMPUTERISED SYSTEM WOULD BE IN USE IN THREE YEARS' TIME.

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RECRUITS SOUGHT FOR JUNIOR LEADERS CORPS

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ABOUT A HUNDRED NEW RECRUITS ARE BEING SOUGHT TO JOIN THE JUNIOR LEADERS CORPS UNDER THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS). THE CORPS HAS AN ESTABLISHMENT OF 300.

THEY MUST BE BOYS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 15, WITH INITIATIVE, GOOD PHYSIQUE AND SOUND MORAL CHARACTER.

THEY SHOULD ALSO HAVE A REASONABLE KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH AND CHINESE AND BE WILLING TO ACCEPT DISCIPLINE.

CANDIDATES MUST HAVE THE CONSENT OF THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS AND PASS THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION BEFORE ENLISTMENT.

THE RECRUITS WOULD HAVE THE CHANCE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY, AND ALSO DEVELOP CHARACTER, SELF-RELIANCE AND A SENSE OF CITIZENSHIP DURING THEIR FOUR-YEAR LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN THE CORPS.

THEY WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED WITH UNIFORMS AND RATIONS DURING THE TRAINING PERIOD.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AT SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY, AND MUST BE RETURNED BY JANUARY 24.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE REGIMENT'S RECRUITING OFFICER ON 5-761371.

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**MORE ROADWORKS PROPOSED FOR SHEK WU HUI

NEW ROADS, FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS AND CAR PARKING SPACES ARE TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN SHEK WU HUI TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO A VILLAGE HOUSE DEVELOPMENT AREA NORTH OF SHEUNG SHUI TSUEN.

THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT LOCAL AND ACCESS ROADS MEASURING 800 METRES AND 550 METRES.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF 1 400 METRES OF FOOTPATHS, CYCLETRACKS AND TWO CAR PARKS PROVIDING SPACE FOR 110 PRIVATE CARS AND LORRIES.

A BUS BAY, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED STORMWATER AND FOUL DRAINAGE WORKS, WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

PART OF THE EXISTING VILLAGE ACCESS ROAD, OPPOSITE THE CUSTOM'S QUARANTINE STATION ON JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, AND SOME FOOTPATHS WILL BE CLOSED TO FACILITATE THE WORKS. PERMANENT ALTERNATIVE ACCESS WILL BE PROVIDED.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, TEMPORARY ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED TO MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY MARCH 10.

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**SEWAGE SCREENING PLANT TO BE COMPLETED

SCREENING FACILITIES FOR SEWAGE FROM SHAM SHUI PO AREA WILL BE PROVIDED EARLY NEXT YEAR WHEN WORK ON CONSTRUCTING A SCREENING PLANT AT YEN CHOW STREET IS COMPLETED.

AS PART OF STAGE I OF THE NORTH-WEST KOWLOON SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL PROJECT, THE SINGLE-STOREY SCREENING PLANT WILL HOUSE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT TO REMOVE SOLID MATTER FROM THE SEWAGE FLOW. THIS WILL IMPROVE WATER CONDITION IN THAT SECTION OF VICTORIA HARBOUR.

THE 19-MONTH, \$13.5 MILLION PROJECT STARTED IN APRIL 1985.

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HOWEVER, AS THE CONTRACTOR DID NOT MAKE THE REQUIRED PROGRESS, THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT RE-ENTERED THE CONTRACT LAST AUGUST, ALTHOUGH 60 PER CENT OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORK HAD BEEN COMPLETED.

TENDERS ARE NOW BEING INVITED TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT IN NINE MONTHS, BEGINNING IN APRIL.

ALSO INCLUDED IN STAGE I WILL BE TWO OTHER SCREENING PLANTS, A PUMPING STATION AND SUBMARINE OUTFALL.

THIS WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY 1992.

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SAI KUNG DB COMMITTEE TO HOLD OPEN MEETING

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THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS FIRST OPEN MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE SYSTEM OF ALLOCATION FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

REPORTS ON THE DISTRICT'S ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE LEISURE SERVICES SECTION OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE RAISED.

THE COMMITTEE IS ONE OF FOUR COMMITTEES UNDER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD. IN A RECENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING, MEMBERS HAD DECIDED TO OPEN ALL THE BOARD'S COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC SO THAT RESIDENTS WOULD BE BETTER INFORMED ON THE DISTRICT'S AFFAIRS.

THE OTHER COMMITTEES DEAL WITH COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW AT 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

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DB COMMITTEE TO REVIEW ITS WORK
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MEMBER OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE IN 1986 AT A MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR WILL ALSO COME UNDER REVIEW.

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS SOCIAL FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN TAI WO ESTATE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE TAI PO NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, REPORTS ON CONSULTATIONS ON THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 2 AND THE REVIEW OF JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM, AND A REPORT ON A SURVEY OF LIVING PATTERNS OF PEOPLE IN PRIVATE HOUSING.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL VISIT THE SHA TIN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 11 AM, PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER BOTH THE VISIT TO THE SHA TIN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152-172 KWONG FUK ROAD.

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NEW PARKING METERS FOR BROADCAST DRIVE

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FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 15), 48 NEW PARKING METERS IN BROADCAST DRIVE WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL TO REGULATE THE UTILISATION OF PARKING SPACES IN THE AREA.

THESE METERS ARE FOR TWO HOURS AND FOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN MEDIUM AND HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES, BUSES, MOTOR CYCLES AND BICYCLES.

PARKING FEE WILL BE \$1 FOR 30 MINUTES.

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SLIP ROAD IN TSZ WAN SHAN CLOSED
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THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD SOUTHBOUND IN TSZ WAN SHAN TO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE CLOSED FROM JANUARY 15 (THURSDAY) TO JANUARY 26 BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 AM FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORK.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO CHOI HUNG ROAD.

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RESUMPTION OF TWO-WAY TRAFFIC
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TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE RESUMED IN TAI YUK ROAD IN YUEN LONG BETWEEN KAU YUK ROAD AND MA TIN ROAD FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 15).

THE MOVE FOLLOWS THE COMPLETION OF ROAD WORK THERE.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 59.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 346.590 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 386.419 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 65.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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